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Reference is made to the communication referred to above dated March 3, 2006. Applicant has carefully reviewed the office file of the subject application and now encloses herewith a copy of all documents which applicant was able to locate.

Inexplicitly, certain documents appear to be missing from applicant's file.

Nevertheless, the enclosed documents are as complete as possible under the circumstances.

Applicant has previously paid the issue fee in connection with subject application and issuance of a patent at this time is now respectfully requested.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. 3 / 2 1 / b 6

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